RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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To: Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

From: Edith Hannigan, Board Analyst

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Re: Range Management Advisory Committee

The Range Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) met on Thursday, July 7, in Sacramento.

- Invasive Pests: RMAC member Sheryl Landrum and Board staff Edith Hannigan, with CAL
 FIRE's plant pathologist Tom Smith, will be giving a short presentation to the California Board of
 Food and Agriculture on August 2 in Sacramento. The presentation will address the impacts of
 the shot hole borer insects as demonstrated on the Board's field tour in San Diego in May and
 indicate to the CBFA RMAC's support for:
 - Continued lobbying of USDA to classify these as quarantine pests
 - Increased funding from the Legislature specifically for forest health, especially in Southern California
 - The creation of a parallel task force to the Tree Mortality Task Force focused on these pests/geographic area, or the expansion of the TMTF's mission and focus area.
- CalPac SRM Certified Range Manager Program Update: RMAC heard an update from Morgan Doran, a representative of the California-Pacific Section of the Society for Range Management, about CalPac's exploratory next steps regarding the management of the Certified Range Manager program.
- Board Policies 0335 and 0351.6: RMAC reviewed comments from the joint Forest
 Practice/Management Committee meeting in June and have presented revised language to the
 joint FPC/Management meeting this month. RMAC is also drafting a short background document
 on grazing as a vegetation management tool as well as recent science published in the field.